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by deleting the directory and amendatory language of the last amending clause of Senate Amendment No. 7 in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following new language:

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language as a new SECTION immediately preceding the severability clause in the printed bill, as amended, and by renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (6):

(6)(A) The department of human services rules for the Licensure Rules for Child Care Centers Serving Pre-School Children contained in chapter 1240-4-3-.07(4)(e), and for the Licensure Rules for Child Care Centers Serving School-Age Children contained in chapter 1240-4-6-.07(4)(f), and in any other portions of those chapters, that were part of the amendments filed as permanent rules for each chapter on September 29, 2000, enacted on December 13, 2000 and effective on July 1, 2001, and that define or reference the age groups for "infants" as being comprised of children who are six (6) weeks—twelve (12) months of age, and the age groups for "toddlers" as being comprised of children who are thirteen (13) months—twenty-three (23) months of age, shall expire, effective upon this act becoming law.

(B) "Infant" and "toddler" categories of children in the care of a child care agency licensed pursuant to this part shall be defined as follows, until otherwise modified by rule of the department:

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(i) "Infants" shall be comprised of children six (6) weeks—fifteen (15) months of age;

(ii) "Toddlers shall be comprised of children twelve (12) months—thirty (30) months of age; and

(C) All other department rules not specifically designated to expire by the provisions of subdivision (A), or affected by the definitions in subdivision (B), including, but not limited to, the definitions or references to the age range for the "2 year old" category in the care of a child care agency, descriptions or definitions of any other age groups of children, adult to child ratios, and, except as modified by Senate Bill 0805/House Bill 0968 (2001), and the effective dates of the rules, shall remain in full force and effect or shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the department's regulations.

(D) The department of human services shall have authority to immediately implement public necessity rules effective upon the effective date of this act, or as soon thereafter as possible, to define the age groups for "infants" and "toddlers" as defined by subdivision (B) and to make any conforming rule changes in the text or in the adult to child supervision charts contained in chapters 1240-4-3 or 1240-4-6 or in any other rule of the department that may be necessary to implement the changes made by this act relative to the age range definition for the "infant" and "toddler" groups. Permanent rules shall be implemented as otherwise provided by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act as contained in title 4, chapter 5, part 2.

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